DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY LETTER 97-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
[] State Law Change
[] Federal Law or Regulation
Change
[] Court Order
[X] Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties

[] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT:

ELIGIBILITY FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE IN A SUSPENSE MONTH

IN THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS

44-402.213, 44-315.8 AND 44-211.5

The purpose of this letter is to clarify policy regarding an assistance unit's (AU) eligibility for Homeless Assistance (HA) when, in the payment month, the AU's AFDC eligibility is in suspense. An AU that is homeless in a suspense month is eligible for the full benefit of HA (temporary shelter and permanent housing) when other conditions for HA eligibility are met. During a suspense month, the AU is not discontinued from aid per MPP 44-315.8 and continues to be eligible for all AFDC linked benefits, such as Medi-Cal, Food Stamps and Reduced Income Supplemental Payments.

If you have questions regarding this information please contact Ms. Joelyn Walters at (916) 654-1803 or CALNET 8-464-1803.

Sincerely,

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